

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI

COURTS/MAYORS: Provides for the use of surplus monies in the witness fee fund for the mayor's court of the city of Kenner

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:255(N), relative to the mayor's court of the city of Kenner; to provide for
3 the allocation of monies collected in the witness fee fund; to provide for the use of
4 such monies; to prohibit the reduction of monies in the fund below fifty thousand
5 dollars; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 15:255(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §255. Witness fees to off-duty law enforcement officers

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13 N. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the city of Kenner
14 may adopt an ordinance which provides that on July first of each year, the amount
15 of money in the witness fee fund for the mayor's court of the city of Kenner which
16 exceeds fifty thousand dollars shall be transferred to the general fund of the city of
17 Kenner to be used solely for purchasing equipment for the police department of the
18 city of Kenner. For the purposes of this Subsection, the balance of fifty thousand
19 dollars required to be kept in the witness fee fund shall mean fifty thousand dollars
20 in unexpended and unencumbered funds, and under no circumstances shall the

- 1 balance in the witness fee fund be reduced below fifty thousand dollars as a result
2 of a transfer made under the provisions of this Subsection.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the transfer of surplus monies in the witness fee fund for the mayor's court of the city of Kenner for use by the Kenner police department and prohibits the reduction of monies in the fund to any amount under \$50,000.

Proposed law provides that the city of Kenner is authorized to adopt an ordinance which provides that on July 1st of each year, the amount of money in the witness fee fund which exceeds \$50,000 shall be transferred to the city's general fund and used to purchase equipment for the police department.

Proposed law also requires that a balance of \$50,000 shall be kept in the witness fee fund, and provides that under no circumstances shall the balance be reduced to below \$50,000 as a result of a transfer.

(Adds R.S. 15:255(N))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Changed the date of the transfer of funds from Jan. 1st to July 1st.